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FOR NAC AGENCIES

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TAGS: EAID, EFIN, VS

SUBJECT: DIVERTED VIETNAM CARGO - FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

REF: MANILA 7731

SUMMARY: ADB HAS RECEIVED SUPPLIER COMPLAINTS REGARDING SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT OF GOODS DESTINED FOR VIETNAM. ONE SUPPLIER ADVISED THAT FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL OFFICE, U.S. TREASURY, HAD RECOMMENDED ADB REPEAT ADB SHOULD APPLY FOR EXPORT LICENSE; PROCEDURE WHICH BANK FINDS INAPPROPRIATE. BANK AND USADB REQUESTS CLARIFICATION THIS RECOMMENDATION. END SUMMARY.

1. BANK STAFF HAS INFORMED USADB THEY HAVE RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS FROM U.S. SUPPLIER, BRAUNER EXPORT CORP., ST. LOUIS, MO., ADVISING THAT ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT BRAUNER SHIPPED TO VIETNAM, FINANCED
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UNDER ADB SAIGON POWER PROJECT LOAN, HAS BEEN SEIZED

BY USG AND IMPOUNDED IN SINGAPORE WAREHOUSE. SUPPLIER UNDERSTANDS HE NOW PRECLUDED ENTERING INTO ANY TRANSACTION RE DISPOSITION THIS MERCHANDISE.

2. IN EFFORT DETERMINE STATUS OF GOODS, FACILITATE ONWARD SHIPMENT AND RECEIVE PAYMENT, SUPPLIER ADVISED BANK HE CONTACTED U.S. TREASURY FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL OFFICE AND HAD RECEIVED REPLY SIGNED BY STANLEY SOMMERFIELD, ACTING DIRECTOR, RECOMMENDING THAT ADB REPEAT ADB SHOULD APPLY TO TREASURY FOR EXPORT LICENSE.

3. BANK STAFF VIEW SUCH PROCEDURE INAPPROPRIATE FOR BANK TO PURSUE. BANK AND USADB REQUEST CLARIFICATION RE USG POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; GUIDANCE ON OUR ACTION.

4. IN DISCUSSION, BANK STAFF ADVISED IT HAS RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO COMMUNICATIONS AS YET FROM PRESENT SAIGON AUTHORITIES, SO HAD NOT PUT INTO EFFECT STEPS OUTLINED REFTEL.

5. BANK STAFF EXPRESSED CONCERN ITS INABILITY TO RESPOND TO SUPPLIER INQUIRIES; ALSO APPREHENSION OVER NEWS DISPATCHES DESCRIBING PUBLIC AUCTION SINGAPORE AND ELSEWHERE BY U.S. OF VIETNAM-DESTINED CARGO, THAT COULD INCLUDE ADB-FINANCED GOODS. USADB INDICATED OUR BELIEF CARGOS AUCTIONED SO FAR LARGELY U.S.-OWNED PL 480 FOOD SHIPMENTS, NOT ADB-FINANCED GOODS.

6. PLEASE PROVIDE CLARIFICATION ASAP.
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